redundancy noun

re·dun·dan·cy ri-ˈdən-dən(t)-sē

plural redundancies

Synonyms of *redundancy* >

1 a : the quality or state of being redundant : **SUPERFLUITY**

b : the use of redundant components

also : such components

c **chiefly British** : dismissal from a job especially by layoff

2 : **PROFUSION**, **ABUNDANCE**

3 a : superfluous repetition : **PROLIXITY**

b : an act or instance of needless repetition

4 : the part of a message that can be eliminated without loss of essential information

Redundancy, closely related to *redound*, has stayed close to the original meaning of "overflow" or "more than necessary". Avoiding redundancy is one of the prime rules of good writing. ""In the modern world of today" contains a redundancy; so does "He died of fatal wounds" and "For the mutual benefit of both parties". But redundancy doesn't just occur in language. "Data redundancy" means keeping the same computer data in more than one place as a safety measure, and a backup system in an airplane may provide redundancy, again for the sake of safety.

circumlocution
diffuseness
diffusion
garrulity
garrulousness
logorrhea
long-windedness
periphrasis

Avoid *redundancy* in your writing.

Try to avoid using *redundancies* in your writing.

The design incorporates several *redundancies*.

a system with a high level of *redundancy*

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First Known Use

1601, in the meaning defined at sense 1a

Time Traveler

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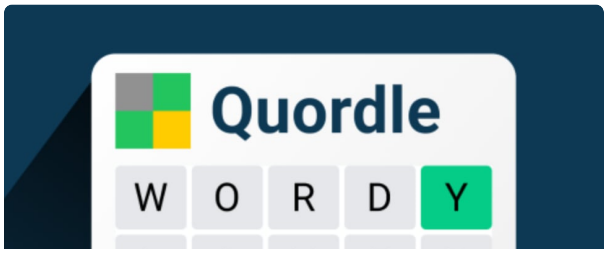

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